

**DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, February 28, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.  
Courthouse - Circuit Courtroom**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wender at 6:30 P.M.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by all.
3. Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Dolly Cook and a quorum was present.

Present: Chairman Wender, Vice Chairman Smith and Commissioners Degenauer Jr., Martin and Stevens.

Absent: (0)

Also Present: County Clerk Dolly Cook, Prosecutor Stephanie Brule, Sheriff Scott Celello, Equalization Director Larry Swartout and Controller Kay Pascoe.

4. Motion by Commissioner Stevens, supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the agenda with the following addition:

7.C Crystal Lake Center/YMCA

1. Authorize termination of the lease between the Crystal Lake Community Center and Just for Kix Dance Studio as of March 31, 2011 rather than the stated date of April 30, 2011. (The studio is located in the area leased by the YMCA but the current lease is not with the YMCA. The YMCA is agreeable to this early termination and will utilize the space for its own programs.)

All Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to approve the following meeting minutes with corrections to the Regular Meeting of 2/14/2011:

Regular Meeting - 2/14/11

Finance Committee - 2/17/11

**Corrections:**

P. Library Board

Read as follows: "She further stated they are looking into painting a map of the County on the Western wall outside the Library." **This line should be deleted and replace with: The map will be placed on the western inside wall of the library.**

V. Bay West Advisory Committee

Read as follows "She further stated there will be new welders courses." **This line should be deleted.**

6. **COMMUNICATIONS AND LEGISLATION:**

- A. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person)

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

B. Resolutions and Legislation - Commissioner Martin

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to support a Resolution from the City of Iron Mountain in opposition to Senate Bill 34. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

Degenauer Jr.    Aye

Martin            Aye

Smith             Nay

Stevens          Aye

Wender          Aye               Motion Carried

Commissioner Stevens stated the municipalities have to prepare themselves for less revenue in the future. He stated the City has no way to replace this revenue and it would be devastating. He stated as a businessman this is an unfair tax. He stated this tax will eventually go away.

Commissioner Smith stated this is an unjust tax and has been for years. He stated his taxes were \$931.00 last summer and with the winter taxes it is over \$1,000.

Commissioner Martin stated it is very good to hear from the actual businessmen who live under this tax.

Commissioner Wender stated this would eliminate approximately \$400,000 in taxes to the City of Iron Mountain.

Controller Pascoe stated this would eliminate a little over \$1,000,000 to the County. She stated it is about 18.8% of our tax revenue.

7. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**A. Finance Committee - Finance Chairman John Degenauer, Jr.**

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Chairman to sign a grant application to the Hannahville Indian Community for support of the Glider/Military Museum at the Menominee Range Historical Museum. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Martin to authorize the release of the 2011 appropriation to the Senior Citizens Council of Dickinson County in the amount of \$30,000. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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| Martin        | Aye |                 |
| Smith         | Aye |                 |
| Stevens       | Aye |                 |
| Wender        | Aye |                 |
| Degenauer Jr. | Aye | Motion Carried. |

Controller Pascoe explained this is the millage.

Commissioner Smith stated Iron County and Dickinson County are very different in the way the money is given. He stated in Dickinson County the site councils meet with the executive director of DICSA and they decide how to split the millage. He stated in Iron County the County Board splits it the way they want. Commission Wender stated here it has not been a problem, but in Iron County it has been a problem every year.

3. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Stevens to authorize the release of the 2011 appropriation to the Dickinson Conservation District in the amount of \$2,500. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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| Smith         | Aye |                 |
| Stevens       | Aye |                 |
| Wender        | Aye |                 |
| Degenauer Jr. | Aye |                 |
| Martin        | Aye | Motion Carried. |

**B. A-95 Review - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report**

**C. Crystal Lake Center/YMCA - Commissioner Frank Smith**

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Commissioner Smith stated on February 18<sup>th</sup> the YMCA had an open house and 500 people used the facility free for that week-end. He stated 100 memberships were activated to bring the total to 650. He stated their private reception had 75-85 people in attendance.

**D. Six County Employment Alliance - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report**

**E. Planning and Zoning Committee - Commissioner Joe Stevens**

1. Planning Commission meeting minutes of 10/28/2010.
2. Dickinson Conservation District Meeting Minutes of 01/18/2011.

**F. DHS/Community Services Agencies - Commissioner Smith**

Commissioner Smith stated the weatherization program at DICSA is 53% spent. He stated at their annual meeting Dolly Cook was made a member of the Board of DICSA. Commissioner Smith stated the members in Iron County will not allow DICSA to meet in the Courthouse in the future. He stated we have not located anywhere to meet at this time.

- G. Dickinson-Iron Health Department** - Commissioner Smith - No Report
- H. Northpointe** - Commissioner Ann Martin - No Report
- I. Pinecrest** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report
- J. Equalization Committee** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report
- K. Building & Supply/Real Estate-Remodeling-** Commissioner Smith - No Report
- L. Public Safety and Judiciary** - Commissioner Henry Wender - No Report
- M. Parks Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens

Commissioner Stevens stated the tree cutting is progressing and they are working on new campsites. He stated progress is being made. Controller Pascoe stated they are asking for letters of interest to build a road at Stromberg Park.

- N. Airport Committee** - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to accept the bid of Minerick Logging for logging at Ford Airport of \$30,425.40. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners:

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| Stevens       | Aye |                 |
| Wender        | Aye |                 |
| Degenauer Jr. | Aye |                 |
| Martin        | Aye |                 |
| Smith         | Aye | Motion Carried. |

Commissioner Wender stated there were three bids and they were as follows: Minerick Logging - \$30,425.40, J. Carey Logging - \$25,350.00 and Suchovsky Logging - \$22,809.21. Tim Howell, Airport Manager, stated they will cut the inside first starting in the South and working North then they will proceed with the outside perimeter fence work. He stated this will make the airport safer. Commissioner Stevens asked if this will be done before breakup he stated yes.

2. Discuss terminal renovation requested by the TSA to accommodate new equipment. Tim (Airport manager) explained the equipment will fit but if there is a problem with a wheelchair that will not fit by the equipment, then we will have to pay for any changes. He (Airport Manager) explained they had three objectives, 1) increase passengers, we need to increase passenger area, 2) remodel the area for the new equipment because the machine is twice the size of the old and 3) safety issue, TSA wants to block this area off and put a net over the entire area so people can’t throw or hand objects to passengers getting on the planes. Commissioner Stevens stated the viewing area is nice and has been there forever and young people can see their friends and family leave. Howell explained the TSA would like it started within two weeks. Commissioner Smith stated he would like to see the viewing area stay also. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday night at 6:00 P.M. and this will be a special meeting.

3. Acknowledge a letter from Debbie Stabenow in response to EAS concerns. A Brief discussion was held.

- O. Fair Board** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report
- P. Library Board** - Commissioner Ann Martin
  - 1. Library Board Meeting Minutes - 2/08/2011.
- Q. Dickinson Partnership/Economic Dev.** - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report
- R. Employee Relations Committee** - Commissioner Frank Smith - No Report
- S. Dickinson County Hospital Committee** - Commissioner Joe Stevens - No Report

Commissioner Stevens thanked Frank for going to a hospital meeting about the \$1,000,000 losses from the hospitalists program.

- T. Dickinson County Road Commission** - Commissioner Henry Wender

1. 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program, Dickinson County.

2. Road Commission Meeting Minutes - 2/09/2011

**U. Construction Code Commission** - Commissioner John Degenauer, Jr. - No Report

**V Bay West Advisory Committee** - Ann Martin

1. Bay College West Advisory Committee Meeting - 12/09/2010

8. Citizens' Time: (Limited to five minutes per person):

Chairman Wender opened the floor to Citizens' Time and there was no participation.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS & OLD BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Smith

Make the following appointments:

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Kevin Pirlot to the Construction Board of Appeals for a term to expire 2/27/2013. All Ayes, Motion Carried. Kevin Pirlot was the only applicant.

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:** - Commissioner Smith

1. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to reappoint Joe Stevens, Jeff DeRidder and Barb Bedard to the CUPPAD Board for two year terms. Wender, Smith, Martin Degenauer Jr., Ayes, Stevens Abstained. Motion Carried.

2. Solid Waste Management Authority Meeting Minutes - 12/15/10

11. Motion by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., to accept Committee Reports and Correspondence and Place on File. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

12. Controller's Report.

Controller Pascoe stated she sits on the Solid Waste Management Authority Board and there was no intent to hide anything. She stated the people who sit on the Board and set the fees are the City and Township managers who pay the bulk of the fees.

13. Commissioners' Personal Privilege. - None

14. Motion by Commissioner Degenauer Jr., supported by Commissioner Smith to adjourn, Subject to Call of Chairman at 7:11 P.M.

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Henry Wender, Chairman

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Dolly L. Cook, County Clerk

